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Christine R. Sustar**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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CHANGE

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JULY 27, 2006**

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Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 27, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I – Claims 1-9, Claims 1-9 relate to a system that facilitates web-crawling;

Group II – Claims 10-24 relate to a method for prioritizing web pages for crawling;

Group III - Claims 25-33 relate to a method for predicting change in a web page via feedback loops; and

Group IV - Claims 34-37 relate to a system that predicts web page change.

Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-9 relate to a system that facilitates web-crawling) for further prosecution on the merits.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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